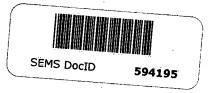


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American Glue & Resin, Inc. c/o Ms. Cheryl Auterio 1 Greenbriar Drive, Suite 304 North Reading, MA 01864

Re:

Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA and Section 3007

of RCRA, for the American Glue & Resin Site, Middleton, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Auterio:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the cleanup of the American Glue & Resin Site in Middleton, Massachusetts ("Site").

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is investigating the source, extent and nature of the release or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Site. This investigation includes an inquiry into the identification, nature, source, and quantity of hazardous materials transported to or generated, treated, stored, or disposed of at the Site. EPA is also seeking information concerning those persons responsible for the contamination of the Site and their ability to conduct or finance that cleanup.

In order to complete an investigation, EPA requires that you respond fully and completely to the following items which will be used to determine the financial status of American Glue & Resin, Inc. (American Glue & Resin). It is standard practice for EPA to request this information which will be used to evaluate American Glue & Resin's ability to conduct and pay for environmental cleanup:

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- 1) Complete the enclosed EPA Financial Statement for Businesses Form.
- 2) Provide signed copies of American Glue & Resin's state and federal tax returns for the last five years the company was in business, including all complete schedules, as submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

- 3) Provide signed copies of American Glue & Resin's audited financial statements for the last five years the company was in business, including income statements, balance sheets and statements of cash flows.
- 4) Provide signed copies of any loan applications filed by American Glue & Resin for the last five years the company was in business..
- 5) Provide copies of all documents relating to the disposal of all corporate property, including but not limited to, all agreements, bills of sale, copies of checks, etc.
- 6) Provide a copy of the articles of incorporation for American Glue & Resin, including any amendments.
- 7) Identify all officers and directors of American Glue & Resin, including current addresses and telephone numbers, from the company's inception until it went out of business.
- 8) Provide a written summary of all actions that American Glue & Resin has taken regarding environmental cleanup at the Site and include copies of all documentation, including but not limited to, cost estimates, receipts, cancelled checks, etc.
- 9) Provide a list, by insurance carrier and policy number, of all American Glue & Resin's comprehensive general liability, umbrella insurance and excess insurance, last in effect.
- 10) If a copy of a policy or the policy number is not available, please provide the name, address and telephone number of the insurance carrier and any other information evidencing the insurance coverage.

INFORMATION ABOUT OTHERS

- 11) Identify those people who assisted in the preparation of the response to these questions. For each person, provide the following: name, address, and telephone number.
- 12) Identify all documents consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the answers to this information request and provide copies of all such documents.
- 13) If you have any reason to believe that there may be persons able to provide a more detailed or complete response to any part of this information request or who may be able to provide additional responsive documents, identify such persons.

Authority to require submission of this type of information has been given to EPA by Congress under Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and

Liability Act, (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e), and Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. § 6927(a). EPA requires that you respond in writing within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

The provisions in Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 and Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6928, authorize EPA to pursue penalties of up to \$27,500 per day for failure to comply with these provisions or failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

As used in this letter, the term "documents" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced); and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts, bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study of investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering all or any part of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted at the time the required information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501 et seq. Please respond in writing to this required submission of information within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

Any questions you may have regarding the current status of this Site in the Superfund process can be directed to Tina Hennessy at the address listed below.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Tina Hennessy, Enforcement Coordinator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Site Remediation & Restoration One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (HBR)

Boston, MA 02114-2023

(617) 918-1216

Any legal questions may be directed to Kathleen Woodward, EPA Enforcement Counsel at (617) 918-1780.

We appreciate and look forward to your prompt response to this letter.

Steven R. Novick, Acting Chief

Emergency Planning & Response Branch

cc: Gilberto Irizarry
Tina Hennessy

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Kathleen Woodward

The following form of declaration must accompany all information submitted by Respondent in response to the Information Request:

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